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SUBJECT: IV PROGRAM: MLADEN GAVRILOVIC

REF: BELGRADE 8229

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REPEAT OF BELGRADE A-254 WHICH MESSAGE CENTER REPORTS WAS NEVER RECEIVED.

2. RE PARAGRAPH TWO REFTEL, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY ASK GAVRILOVIC WHETHER HE WOULD LIKE ESCORT FOR VISIT.

ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND INTERPRETER NOT REQUIRED, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ESCORT TO ASSIST VISITOR IN DEALING WITH LOCAL SPONSORS, TRANSPORTATION, AND SIGHT-SEEING. WHILE VISITOR, IF HE PREFERS, CAN DO THIS ON HIS OWN, IT MAY BE BOTH MORE EFFICIENT IN TERMS OF TIME EXPENDED GETTING AROUND AND MORE CONVENIENT TO HAVE AN ESCORT, AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO IF HE PLANS A BUSY SCHEDULE. RECENT CASE IN POINT WAS SILVIA LUKS WHO REQUESTED ESCORT ON ARRIVAL. FINAL TRIP REPORT INDICATED UNCLASSIFIED

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HER VISIT WAS GREATLY ENHANCED BY ESCORT'S ASSISTANCE.

3. HOWEVER VISITOR, OF COURSE, SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT, IF HE DOES NOT DESIRE AN ESCORT, THIS IS NOT REQUIRED. IN PARTICULAR CASE THAT EMBASSY FEELS VISITOR

WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS OF ESCORT AS "WATCHDOG", DEPARTMENT
WOULD REGARD ESCORT AS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE GAVRILOVIC PREFERENCE ASAP.
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